

Porsche Club of America, Chicago Region
Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2022
Called to Order 7:00 PM

Voting Board Members Present (“X”):

	Stanley Sangdahl – President	X	Pete Bukantis - Director
X	Dana Comolli – Vice President		Keith Clark – Director
X	Robert Danko –Treasurer	X	Adam Kern- Director
X	Anna Skura – Secretary	X	Cheryl Lehman Collier - Director
X	Bob Rath – Past President	X	John Ruther – Director

Coordinators Present: (“X”):

X	Alex Block – Concours		Buz Browne – AX Tech	X	Pete Bukantis – AX Timing
X	Dana Comolli – Webmaster/ Sponsorship/Dealership		Ross Conforti – RADE Reg	X	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk/ TRAC Tech/Safety
	Glenn DeWeirdt – Autobahn & Gingerman	X	John Diwik – Driving Tours		Neil French – Gingerman
X	Jody Freund – DE Tech	X	Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk		Jeremy Holleb – Social Co-Coordinator
X	Adam Kern – AX Coordinator/Social Media		Bobby Kurek – Social Co- Coordinator		Shannon Lange – Historian
X	Cheryl Lehman Collier – RADE/TRAC Coordinator		Debby Leed – Database Manager/ Permanent Car Numbers		Ed Leed – Database Manager/ Permanent Car Numbers
	David Mansfield - RADE		Joe Morsello – AX School	X	Neil McDonald – Insurance/ The Scene
	Mark Palmer – Gingerman	X	Mark Prescott – Membership	X	Henrique Regina – Concours
	Mark Roethemeier –Zone 13 Representative	X	John Ruther – Chief Driving Instructor		Susan Shire - Club Race Reg
X	Andy Skura – Rallye Co- Coordinator	X	Anna Skura – – Rallye Co- Coordinator		John Westra - Autobahn

To minimize COVID exposure this meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing.

Quorum

A quorum was confirmed, and meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members and Guests Present:

Dan Cubric

Secretary's Report: (Anna Skura)

The Secretary's report for February 2, 2022, was presented and a motion made to accept and approve meeting minutes:

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: John Ruther

Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: (Bob Danko)

February 2022 total assets increased year over year.

February's highest income sources:

PCA National Quarter 4 Membership Rebate

Autocross Sponsorship from Haggerty

2022 St. Valentine's Luncheon

Charity Donations

February's top expenses:

2022 Blackhawk DE

2022 Calendar - Presstech

Autocross at Wintrust Field (formerly Boomers)

Deposit for St. Valentine's Luncheon (R. Danko)

Balance on St. Valentine's Luncheon (S. Sangdahl)

The Treasurer's report for February 2022 was presented and a motion made to accept and approve the report.

Motion: John Ruther

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion Approved

President's Report: (Stanley Sangdahl/Reported by Dana Comolli)

St. Valentine's Day collected \$300 for SparkShop. It was a nice event. A few bottles of wine were purchased to meet the minimum guarantee. The bottles were raffled at the Chili tasting.

Stanley attended the PCA Board Conference call. The club announced record growth in 2021 of 15,000 new member or 7% growth.

PCA is developing a minimum standard for drone use at events. Drones will have to be flown by licensed pilots with liability coverage. Drones will not be used at track events. There may be interest to use a drone at the four region BBQ. This request was made last year so it is likely to come up again this year. We may see a final policy within the next month. We may be stricter with the policy, but not less strict.

Vice President's Report: (Dana Comolli)

Calendars are completed and Presstech matched FedEx pricing. There was a sticker enclosed for the club's 65th year anniversary. Next year the goal will be to include the calendar with the January mailing of The Scene. It was pointed out that not all club disciplines (rallyes) were prominently featured as a full-page picture. It was explained that photos were pulled from those posted to the website and that photos of rallye events were limited. This year photos will be collected throughout the year.

Past President's Report: (Bob Rath)

The St. Valentine's luncheon was good and accommodated Super Bowl fans. Chili tasting was one of the larger events. Insurance has transitioned to Bob Rath from Neil MacDonald.

Dinner Dance (Adam Kern & Dan Cubric)

The estimated total for 200 guests is \$41,179 (tax included) which is approximately \$40 more person over the 2021 per person fee. A deposit of \$10,294.88 is required to secure the date. The Dinner Dance is proposed for December 10, 2022, at Lowes Hotel Chicago at 455 N. Park Drive.

Package includes \$165 for beverage package, 6 hor d'oeuvres, three course dinner, premium bar, wine service with dinner. Rooms will be available for \$159 (double) & \$189 (king).

With the increase in pricing compared to previous years, it was stated that a P&L analysis should have been sent out prior to the meeting to allow the Board to review. There were questions raised about what the pricing will be to members and the additional expenditures that are not included in the venue price, such as DJ, raffle prizes, etc.

There are discussions to do fundraising around a commemorative program for the 65th anniversary for the region. The goal would be to sell advertising pages and raise \$20,000. Porsche North America has interest in advertising and bringing 2-3 new cars to the venue. Since this is one of our more expense events, a request was made for more details behind the expenses and for more information behind the fundraising component.

Autocross Report: (Adam Kern)

T-shirts for autocross school have been designed. Last year 130 shirts were ordered and sold for \$20 each. This year the price will increase to \$25 to support SparkShop. Last year the expense for T-shirts was \$1,500. Asking for approval for the same amount this year.

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Motion Approved

Registration for the whole autocross season is open. Still waiting on Tire Rack to confirm date to complete the autocross season.

Currently there are thirty students and twenty volunteers registered for Autocross School. Need 25 volunteers for the event.

A boxed lunch was served last year at a total cost of \$1,596. Boxed lunches will be served this year and approval was requested for the same amount.

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Second: Bob Danko

Motion Approved

Jenna Sampp and Dana Comolli will team teach the autocross class.

Timing & Scoring Report: (Pete Bukantis)

No Report

Blackhawk Farms Report: (Todd Conforti, Peter Hackenson)

Registration for the novice day event on May 6, 2022 is open. Current registration includes four instructors, twelve novices, and four experienced.

Autobahn DE: (Glenn DeWeirdt/Reported by Dana Comolli)

Glenn will be in the administrator role for SUV event. We are working on a full track event for October 17, 2022.

Gingerman Report: (Glenn DeWeirdt)

No Report

Road America Report: (Cheryl Lehman Collier)

Registration has been posted for a month. There are currently 24 registrants. We are a month out before early bird pricing ends and need to start advertising the event so registrants can take advantage of early bird pricing. The same designer that was used last year will design this year's T-shirts. The event schedule has been completed and is on ClubReg. The participant packet is being updated. A Road America team meeting is scheduled for next week. There is still a need to secure volunteers for this event.

Chief Driving Instructor's Report: (John Ruther)

The Driving Instructors' Workshop will be held on March 26, 2022, at the Drake Hotel in Oak Brook. There are 39 registered instructors. There is room for another eleven. There will be no charge to the instructors who attend.

The instructors for this event will include Dana Comolli, Greg Turek and John Ruther.

Attendees include senior instructors, experienced instructors who have transferred into our region and new instructors.

A suggestion was made to contact 1) instructors that we have used in the past, who may not have registered for the workshop and 2) contact black/white run group members who may have an interest in instructing – the purpose being to acquire new instructors. The goal is to have one student per instructor.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti)

Minor modification to the tech sheet are being made.

Technical Report: (Jody Freund)

Ready for the Tech session in April and will begin advertising the event this week.

Concours Report: (Henrique Regina, Alex Block)

The Chili Tasting on February 27, 2022 was a success with 177 attendees. \$390 collected for charity. There were 26 chilis and five desserts. Table & chair rentals for the event were \$1,400. Seeking approval for \$1,400 for table and chair rental for the chili event.

Motion: Anna Skura

Second: Bob Rath

Motion Approved

Seeking approval for up to \$1,500 for tables and chairs for Concours School.

Motion: Bob Rath
Second: Anna Skura
Motion Approved

There will be a \$20.00 fee for Concours School. Seeking approval for \$1,000 for lunches and other expenses for Concours School.

Motion: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Second: Bob Danko
Motion Approved

The giveaways for Concours season and two rallyes totaled \$2,867.90, with 37% of the cost charged to rallyes and 63% for Concours. Due to significant supply chain shortages, a request was made for approval via email with approval granted for up to \$3,000. Approval via email was requested because of concerns that the selected items would not be available if we waited until today's meeting for approval. As it was, the chairs were not available in our first choice of red.

Motion: Pete Bukantis
Second: Bob Rath
Motion Approved

Estimate \$1,800 for trophies for the season for first, second and third place finishes and Best of Show placement. Trophies will be acrylic and ribbons will also be presented. Motion made for up to \$2,000 for trophies and ribbons for Concours season.

Motion: Bob Danko
Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier
Motion Approved

Rallye Report: (Andy Skura)

We will have a total of four rallyes this year – two seasoned Rallyemasters and two first time Rallyemasters. Looking for a seasoned team to mentor one of the novice Rallyemasters teams. It appears that the July rallye may be cancelled unless a Rallyemaster volunteers for the date. Rallye School will be opened this weekend on ClubReg as Rallye School is being advertised in the March edition of The Scene. This will be Andy and Anna's last year as Rallye Coordinators.

Touring Report: (John Diwik)

First event is scheduled July 22 – 25 to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. Arrangements for restaurants and other events have been made. The event will be advertised in the coming week. The event is limited to 90 people 60 cars. Porsche is the marque for this event. Any participant who attends will be able to drive their Porsche on the track. Deposits made for buses. Spreadsheet with expected expenses will be provided to the Board.

Insurance Report: (Neil MacDonald)

Neil MacDonald has resigned from managing insurance responsibilities. Effective immediately, Bob Rath will be taking over insurance. Insurance will be requested one to two months in advance of an event.

Social Report: (Bobby Kurek/Reported by Dana Comolli)

The St. Pat's event is set for March 12, 2022. There are 30 registrants so far. This event needs to be advertised in the email blasts.

The four region Barbeque is coming up. A call will be scheduled with the other regions in the coming weeks. The theme will be 65th anniversary as its Milwaukee's anniversary as well. Charity collections will be equally split among all the regions.

Bobby is trying to schedule a Porsches and Pastries event at the Morton Arboretum.

There is a north suburban Cars and Coffees event every Sunday at Hawthorne Mall. Bobby is working to have a Porsches and Pastries event at Hawthorne.

Membership: (Mark Prescott)

We have 2,415 Primary Members (increase of five since February) and 1,308 Affiliate Members.

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report: (Dana Comolli)

The Haggerty \$3,000 sponsorship is being applied toward Autocross School.

Contact has been made with Porsche Barrington about sponsorship for this year.

The Scene Report: (Neil MacDonald)

Advertising in The Scene is stable. We may get one new advertiser. The March edition has been sent to the printer. The Scene will be released via email on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Social Media Report: (Adam Kern)

No Report

Webmaster's Report: (Dana Comolli)

Our region has entered the website competition. Our website traffic has increased 150% from last year month over month. Our page on Porsche type codes and model codes is the Google top site - Chicago Region PCA is the top site with 250 – 300 hits per month.

Coordinators should let Dana know when they open registration so that the links can be connected to the website.

Historian Report: (Shannon Lange)

No Report.

Zone 13 Rep Report: (Mark Roethemeier)

No Report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. General Membership Meeting for 2023 to be held at The Onion on January 22, 2023.
- B. St. Valentine's Day event at Cooper's Hawk to be held on February 18, 2023, but a question was raised if we should look at a new venue.

A Motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Bob Danko

Second: Cheryl Lehman Collier

Motion Approved

Adjournment at 8:15 PM

Next Meeting:

Wednesday April 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM via Zoom